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1. US COUNCIL REP AT APRIL 24 MEETING CONVEYED US POSITION RE HOSTING 19TH COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNGA THIS FALL AS OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTEL C. US COUNCIL REP'S REMARKS FOLLOWED STATEMENT BY ALTERNATE THAI COUNCIL REP THE RTG DEFINITELY FAVORED NEW YORK VENUE AND, FURTHERMORE, THAT ANY CONSENSUS FOR BANGKOK VENUE WOULD REQUIRE RECONSIDERATION BY THE RTG.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UK, WHICH WAS STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS, ALL OTHER MEMBERS ALSO CONVEYED AGREEMENT FOR
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A NEW YORK MEETING. RE US CONDITION THAT MEETING BE LIMITED

TO INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SECGEN WITHOUT USUAL SECRETARIAT SUPPORT, AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES AND UK COUNCIL REPS SAID THAT THEY PERSONALLY FORESAW NO DIFFICULTY BUT WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THAI REP SAID THAT HE WOULD BE REQUIRED CONSULT WITH RTG ON MATTER.

3. SECGEN, AS EXPECTED, MADE PITCH FOR FORMAL MEETING OF SOME TYPE ON BASIS THAT COUNCIL WOULD BE REQUIRED ADDRESS NUMBER OF FORMAL ITEMS. (WE ASSUME THAT HE IS REFERRING TO SUCH PRO-FORMA SUBJECTS AS APPROVING DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, THE SEATO BUDGET, AND NOTING THE ANNUAL COUNCIL REPS' REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.) THE US COUNCIL REP REPLIED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN SUCH ITEMS COULD BE WORKED INTO THE MEETING AND ADDED THAT THE US WOULD, IN ALL PROBABILITY, PROVIDE A RAPPORTEUR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INASMUCH AT IT WOULD NOW APPEAR CERTAIN THAT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN NEW YORK, EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT PROPOSED DATE BE PROVIDED BEFORE NEXT COUNCIL REPS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21. IN MEANTIME, WE WILL BEGIN CAMPAIGN WITH SEATO SECRETARIAT TO SIMPLIFY ANY FORMAL ITEMS IT BELIEVES COUNCIL MUST ADDRESS.
OLD TRADITIONS DIE HARD*
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